

COUNTRY DATA: Croatia

: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION

The lands that today comprise Croatia were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the close of World War I. In 1918, the Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes formed a kingdom known after 1929 as Yugoslavia. Following World War II, Yugoslavia became a federal independent Communist state under the strong hand of Marshal TITO. Although Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it took four years of sporadic, but often bitter, fighting before occupying Serb armies were mostly cleared from Croatian lands. Under UN supervision, the last Serb-held enclave in eastern Slavonia was returned to Croatia in 1998. In April 2009, Croatia joined NATO; it is a candidate for eventual EU accession.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia
Area	total: 56,594 sq km country comparison to the world: 126 land: 55,974 sq km water: 620 sq km
Climate	Mediterranean and continental; continental climate predominant with hot summers and cold winters; mild winters, dry summers along coast
Natural Resources	oil, some coal, bauxite, low-grade iron ore, calcium, gypsum, natural asphalt, silica, mica, clays, salt, hydropower
Total Renewable Water Resources	105.5 cu km (1998)
Freshwater Withdrawal	N/A
Natural Hazards	destructive earthquakes
Environmental Issues	air pollution (from metallurgical plants) and resulting acid rain is damaging the forests; coastal pollution from industrial and domestic waste; landmine removal and reconstruction of infrastructure consequent to 1992-95 civil strife

PEOPLE

Population	4,486,881 (July 2010 est.)
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Ethnic Groups	Croat 89.6%, Serb 4.5%, other 5.9% (including Bosniak, Hungarian, Slovene, Czech, and Roma) (2001 census)
Religions	Roman Catholic 87.8%, Orthodox 4.4%, other Christian 0.4%, Muslim 1.3%, other and unspecified 0.9%, none 5.2% (2001 census)
Languages	Croatian (official) 96.1%, Serbian 1%, other and undesignated 2.9% (including Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, and German) (2001 census)
Literacy Rate	definition: age 15 and over can read and write total population: 98.1% male: 99.3% female: 97.1% (2001 census)
Major Infectious Diseases	N/A
GOVERNMENT	
Type	presidential/parliamentary democracy
Independence	25 June 1991 (from Yugoslavia)
Constitution	adopted on 22 December 1990; revised 2000, 2001
Legal System	based on Austro-Hungarian law system with Communist law influences; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	wheat, corn, sugar beets, sunflower seed, barley, alfalfa, clover, olives, citrus, grapes, soybeans, potatoes; livestock, dairy products
Industries	chemicals and plastics, machine tools, fabricated metal, electronics, pig iron and rolled steel products, aluminum, paper, wood products, construction materials, textiles, shipbuilding, petroleum and petroleum refining, food and beverages, tourism
Import commodities	machinery, transport and electrical equipment; chemicals, fuels and lubricants; foodstuffs
Import Partners	Italy 15.46%, Germany 13.57%, Russia 9.29%, China 6.83%, Slovenia 5.75%, Austria 5.04% (2009)
Export Commodities	transport equipment, machinery, textiles, chemicals, foodstuffs, fuels
Export Partners	Italy 19.1%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 12.98%, Germany 11.06%, Slovenia 7.47%, Austria 5.44%, Serbia 5.41% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$17,500 (2010 est.) country comparison to the world: 67

	\$17,700 (2009 est.) \$18,800 (2008 est.) note: data are in 2010 US dollars
Population below poverty line	17% (2008)

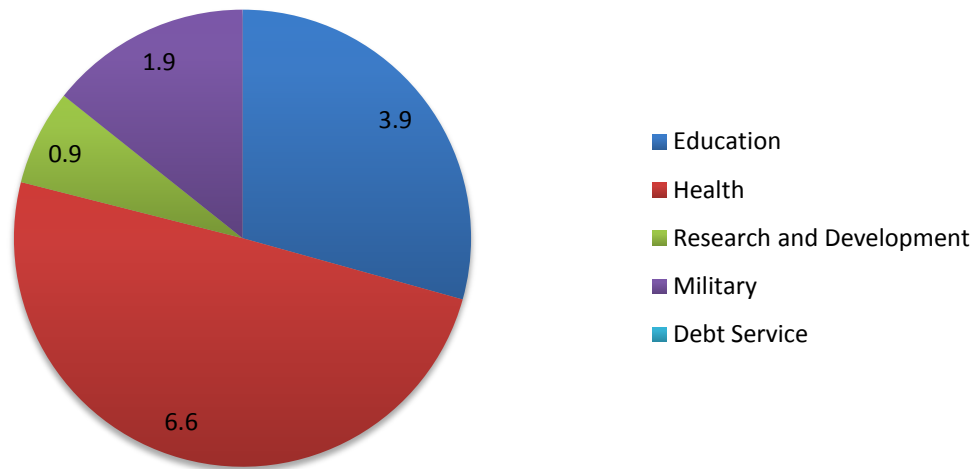
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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	76.7
Average number of years in School (in years)	9.0
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	16,389
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	20.9
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	57.4
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	72.3
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	58.9
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	71.7
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	100
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	<2
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	..
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	19

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	87
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	7
Population without Access to Water (%)	1
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	1
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	52
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	97.0
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	2.4
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	57.7
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	..
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	..
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	<0.1
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	89.7
Population without Electricity (%)	..

Public Expenditure (% of GDP)



Please Note: Percentages are not out of 100